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INDICTMENT FOR DESTRUCTION OF TWO MAIL BOXES

PHOENIX – A federal grand jury in Phoenix returned a three count indictment against Michael Alan Panyko, 23, of Surprise, Ariz. for a violation of Possession of Stolen Mail and two counts for Destruction of Letter Boxes.

The indictment alleges that between November 26 and 28, 2005, Panyko broke open two Postal Service Neighborhood Delivery Collection Boxes located in Peoria, Ariz., one at 14,200 North 75 Ave., and the second box located at 13,698 North 86 Ave. The indictment also accuses Panyko of having possession of stolen mail during the same time period.

Upon conviction, each of the crimes carries a maximum penalty of five years in prison, a \$250,000.00 fine or both. In determining an actual sentence in the event of a conviction, Judge Paul G. Rosenblatt will consult the U.S. Sentencing Guidelines, which provide appropriate sentencing ranges. The judge, however, is not bound by those guidelines in determining a sentence.

An indictment is simply the method by which a person is charged with criminal activity and raises no inference of guilt. An individual is presumed innocent until competent evidence is presented to a jury that establishes guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

The investigation preceding the indictment was conducted by Postal Inspectors from the United States Postal Inspection Service. The prosecution is being handled by Richard I. Mesh, Assistant U.S. Attorney, District of Arizona, Phoenix.

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